(a) what is the total number of persons on the waiting list for LPG connections in Bombay, Nagpur, Pune, Aurangabad, Nasik, Sholapur, Kolhapur and other municipal towns in Maharashtra; and

(b) what steps Government are taking to clear the waiting lists?

THE MINISTER OF PETROLEUM AND CHEMICALS (SHRI M. S. GURUPADASWAMY): (a) The information regarding Bombay, Nagpur, Pune, Aurangabad, Nasik, Sholapur and Kolhapur is given in the attached statement. (*See below*) Information regarding other municipal towns of Maharashtra is being collected and will be laid on the table of the House.

(b) New LPG connections are released all over the country, in a phased manner, under the annual programme for enrolment of customers, subject to the availability of LPG.

Statement

Sl. No.	Town	Approx. no. of persons on the waiting lists as on 1.7.1990 (in lakh)
1.	Bombay	1.46
2.	Nagpur	0.57
3.	Pune	0.87
4.	Aurangabad	0.39
5.	Nasik	0.40
6.	Sholapur	0.38
7.	Kolhapur	0.33

Effects of Political Developments in the Middle East on India's oil Budget

1390. SHRI PRAMOD MAHAJAN: Will the Minister of PETROLEUM AND CHEMICALS be pleased to state:

(a) what are the effects of the recent political developments in Middle East on our 'Oil Budget'; and

(b) what steps Government are taking to meet this situation?

THE MINISTER OF PETROLEUM AND CHEMICALS (SHRI M. S. GURUPADASWAMY): (a) The recent developments in Middle East have resulted in disruption in supplies of crude oil and products from Iraq, Kuwait and USSR, and have led to increase in crude oil and Petroleum Product prices in the international market. This is expected to result in considerable increase in the import bill for crude and petroleum products.

(b) Efforts are under way to procure crude oil and petroleum products from alternative sources make up for the shortfall, within the constraints of foreign exchange availability.

Issue of COB licences to firms for confectioning and slitting of photosensitized materials

1391. SHRI PRAVAT KUMAR SAMANTARAY: Will the Minister of INDUSTRY be pleasd to state:

(a) what are the names of the firms to which specific Industrial/COB licence under the IDR Act has been issued for the activities of 'Confectioning/Slitting of Photosensitized materials from Jumbo Rolls' in terms of notification No. S.O. 328(E) dated the 18th July, 1986 and for which items;